

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A skin-applied electrode pad for external defibrillation comprising:

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~~an a pair of mechanically integrally connected electrodes sized and configured for external defibrillation, and having a skin-contacting area of at least 50 centimeters squared;~~  
an adhesive configured to adhere ~~the~~ each electrode to a patient's skin; and  
a separate release sheet covering ~~the~~ each adhesive, ~~the~~ each release sheet being configured to be removed while the electrode pad is held in a desired position on or against the patient's skin with a portion of the release sheet in contact with the patient's skin.

12. (Currently Amended) The electrode pad of claim 11 wherein the electrode pad further comprises a conductive gel associated with each electrode.

13. (Currently Amended) The electrode pad of claim 11 wherein ~~said~~ each adhesive is non-conductive.

14. (Original) The electrode pad of claim 12 wherein said adhesive surrounds said gel.

15. (Currently Amended) The electrode pad of claim 11 wherein ~~the~~ each release sheet is folded in a substantially U-shaped configuration.

16. (Currently Amended) A defibrillator comprising:  
a defibrillator control box;  
a pair of electrode pads for external defibrillation; and  
leads connecting the electrode pads to the defibrillator control box;  
wherein each electrode pad has a skin-contacting area of at least 50 centimeters squared  
comprises:

(i) an electrode sized and configured for external defibrillation;  
(ii) an adhesive configured to adhere the electrode to a patient's skin; and  
(iii) a release sheet, a first portion of the release sheet covering the adhesive, and  
a second portion of the release sheet extending from the first portion and being folded so  
that the release sheet can be peeled away from the adhesive by pulling the second portion  
in a direction substantially parallel to the plane of the electrode pad while the electrode  
pad is being held in a desired position on the patient  
wherein the electrode pads are mechanically integrally connected, forming an electrode  
pad assembly so that the electrode pad assembly has at least two release sheets, at least one on  
each of the electrode pads.

17. (Original) The defibrillator of claim 16 wherein the defibrillator comprises an  
automatic, semi-automatic or manual external defibrillator.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Original) The defibrillator of claim 16 wherein the release sheet is folded in a  
substantially U-shaped configuration.

20. (Original) The defibrillator of claim 16 wherein an edge of the second portion of the  
release sheet extends beyond an adjacent edge of the electrode, providing a pull tab that can be  
grasped during removal of the release sheet.

21. (Original) The defibrillator of claim 16 wherein the release sheet is configured so that, as the release sheet is peeled away, a fold about which the release sheet is folded travels in the direction in which the second portion is pulled.

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22. (Original) The defibrillator of claim 16 wherein the electrode pad further comprises a conductive gel.

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23. (Original) The defibrillator of claim 16 wherein said adhesive is non-conductive.

24. (Original) The defibrillator of claim 22 wherein said adhesive surrounds said gel.

25. (Cancelled).

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